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His people to serve, the location is not specific, the assignment is.

The 20 years I have spent with Taylor University certainly validates these thoughts. It is truly amazing how God has used His people. In many ways, these are alumni who have a deeper desire to be followers as they sense God's call on their lives. It is important for us to know how to follow, especially as we attempt to lead others.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

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a legacy of **world engagement**

how the Fort Wayne campus' historic commitment to
educate students with a global vision continues today

David J. Gyertson, President

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a defined purpose and passion

I believe that Taylor University is both an informing and transforming covenant community. As such we are on a journey of Christian discipleship characterized by academic excellence, spiritual vitality and competent, compassionate service. We are anchored by our commitments to be Christ-centered, biblically anchored, Liberal Arts grounded, whole person focused, vocationally equipping, world engaging and servant leadership motivated.

The goal of this journey is to produce mature disciples able to do God's work throughout His creation ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need through lifetimes of learning, leadership and service. For me, Taylor University's greatest purpose is to partner with those around the world who are dedicated to making a significant contribution to that time when the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea (Is. 11:9).

the biblical mandate

One of the distinguishing characteristics of New Testament disciples was their personal and corporate commitment to the task of fulfilling the Great Commission. Among Jesus' final commands is this:

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of time (Mt. 28:18 - 20 NKJV).

If we take seriously these words of the Savior then we too will be world engaging. All that we do at Taylor University to sharpen minds, sanctify hearts and equip hands, to be both competent in their professions and compassionate in their ministries, must be propelled by this Great Commission motivation.

a rallying call

Early in my Christian faith I understood that the order of the day for God's great salvation army is to go. I meet many Christians, however, who seem to believe that a special revelation is necessary to be actively engaged in the global mission of Christ's Gospel. They assume that their mandate is to stay in Jerusalem unless specifically called to Judea, Samaria and the outermost parts of the world. I believe that this misunderstanding has hindered our response to the Lord's final marching orders. In reality, one needs a special calling not to go. Absent that, each believer should be involved in things that enable the lost to hear the good news of Jesus' salvation.

The willingness to go is directly related to the convictions we hold about the nature of the Christian faith.

First, those who have experienced the depth of Christ's forgiving and transforming love cannot help but tell others of His mercy. I

believe that the redeemed are spiritually nourished beggars morally obligated to tell others where to find the bread of life. The first thing I wanted to do after my conversion was to freely share what Jesus did for me. To this day, whether preaching in chapel, lecturing in a classroom or speaking at a service club, I find myself looking for some appropriate way to bear witness to God's saving grace.

A second conviction that determines the depth of our commitment to the Great Commission is the belief that Jesus alone is the way, the truth and the life (Jn. 14:6) - that He is the supreme revelation of God's redeeming love for us. The Bible teaches that there is no other name under heaven by whom we can be saved (Acts 4:12). While the political correctness of the day shuns this

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rick & christina dugan



"Our desire is to be a catalyst for the flow of the gospel among people groups that traditionally have been resistant. In

keeping with this focus, the Lord has led us to serve Him in the Middle East and Southern Europe. In the Middle East, our ministry has led to imprisonment and expulsion, but it has also resulted in a network of house churches among Palestinians. Currently, I am pastoring the Nicosia Bible Church in the heart of the divided capital of Cyprus. While we are an English speaking, international church, our goal is to be a model church leading Cyprus spiritually through the process of reunification between the Turkish north and Greek south, and through the process of inclusion into the European Community. We are also actively working to encourage the flow of God's healing grace through the Greek community."

exclusive claim, the follower of Christ, dedicated to biblical authority, can take no other position. While we treat with respect those who sincerely explore other alternatives to truth and life, the transformed disciple, who is both Christ-centered and biblically anchored, cannot help but graciously call, "Come and see the One who is the lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the earth for your salvation and mine (Rev. 5:6, 13:8)."

A third insight is the realization that world engagement is the fruit of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. The Lord promised that through the Comforter He would be with us always, even to the end of time. He directed His disciples to remain in Jerusalem until they were filled with that empowering presence (Luke 24:49). At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, whom they received when Jesus breathed on them in the Upper Room following His resurrection (Jn. 20:22), was released with signs and wonders. The greatest sign

ken mays

Drs. Ira Gerig and René Frank, former Fort Wayne Bible College music professors and mentors to Dr. Ken Mays g60, were "called by the Lord, to love Jesus and love their students," reflects Ken. They instilled in Ken the same life passion. After graduating from FWBC, Ken attended Indiana University where he received his master and doctorate degrees in music. He spent the next 19 years on the faculty of Wheaton College and is currently in his 17th year at the Master's College, Newhall, CA, where he teaches music theory and piano performance. Having spent 39 years in full-time teaching has only enhanced Ken's fervor. "The students keep me ticking with their focus and intensity. We work for excellence and passion for Christ," he shares, then adds, "it is good to be involved in training people to serve the Lord, not to gain fame." Having recently been on sabbatical allowed Ken an unprecedented opportunity to write a collection of 10 piano hymn arrangements that will be published by Shawnee Press later this year. Ken's musical interest began as church pianist at age 11. While at FWBC, he traveled with the musical group, Crusaders Quartet. He has served as part-time minister of music and director of worship and choirs throughout his professional life. His latest musical endeavor reveals his desire for continual "equipping for ministry."



of the Spirit's sanctifying presence is the glorious wonder that over five thousand men plus women and children came to faith. From that day until this, the most reliable evidence of the Spirit-filled life is the bold witness that the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off (Acts 2:39).

all God's children

Those who are world engaging and Great Commission motivated know that they are multiplying the voices of praise for the lamb who is worthy. The resurrected throngs will be composed of those from every tongue, tribe and nation. Eternity's choir will sound like the voice of many waters – the confluence of those gathered across time and culture who tasted and saw that the Lord is good. Heaven will reveal the body of Christ made up of many parts, each different but perfectly fitted together with Jesus as the head. God's Kingdom will unfold like a glorious tapestry woven with threads of many colors because no cultural, ethnic or racial group alone can reflect the majesty of His

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divine purpose for humanity. Great Commission Christians will marvel for eternity over the privilege the Father of Heaven gave them to be the recruiting agents for such a glorious celebration.

I did not realize how immature and self-centered my own discipleship was until I became actively engaged in taking the Gospel overseas. Faith is incomplete, at best, if all we know is our

tribe's version of Christianity. The amazing thing about going is that we return having received more than we gave. Those I encountered beyond my cultural and theological comfort zones changed my understanding of the power of the Gospel forever.

No wonder Jesus' final word was Go. He knew that effective disciples must leave their nests and soar with the worldwide company of Christ's committed. This is why Taylor University unapologetically declares its purpose to minister the redemptive love of Jesus

Christ to a world in need. If our ultimate goal is to equip men and women to be mature and effective Christians, every student, employee and alumnus must be challenged to become world engaging.



the attitude of today's students

Tethered to the fundamentals of covenant community, Taylor's students are taking up this challenge. In January of 2003, through Taylor World Outreach, teams of students, faculty and staff traveled to South Africa, the Czech Republic, India, Kenya, Brazil, Jamaica and Romania. Through semester abroad programs in Africa, Ireland, South America, Egypt, Israel and China, students are both informed and transformed as global Christians. Closer to home, they are involved in community service through environmental clean-up projects, right to life advocacy, tutoring, inner city outreach and a myriad of other ministries designed to give a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus.

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a link to the past, a hope for the future

You might ask how Taylor University, located in Indiana, developed such an understanding of and commitment to world engagement. My response – it is an inescapable legacy of those who sacrificially model the Great Commission before us. The vision for a needy world is deeply influenced by the University's namesake Bishop William Taylor whose missionary calling was to seek and save the lost. That passion was ignited by the life and death of escaped African slave Prince Kaboo. Samuel Morris' humble determination to proclaim Christ's saving Gospel at any cost still impacts Taylor today. And countless men and women, such as Clyde Taylor with his vision for world evangelism, fuel the belief that victory is at the heart of our quest as we serve the cause of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

shani gray



Instructor, doctoral student, houseparent, mentor and friend, **Shani Gray g99** balances many roles. In each, her love for the Lord is a visible trait. As an Indiana University professor she offers her students a Christian

perspective and some of her students have asked her about her faith. As houseparent for seven individuals with chronic schizophrenia, she offers her clients compassion. The youth in her church see how she handles the stress and demands of graduate school and life in general, turning to God, not to drugs and alcohol. She considers these roles as opportunities to have a positive affect on people. In every activity Christ is evident in her life. Every interaction is a ministry moment. With a doctorate in criminal justice around the corner (grad date expected August 2004) the light of Christ will shine in areas that are accustomed to darkness.

One day, as Isaiah promised, the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. The means by which Great Commission Christians accomplish that end, according to our Lord's directive, is by going and teaching all nations. The heart of our message is “Come let us reason together says the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow (Is. 1:18).” At Taylor University we take seriously the mandate of world engagement equipping, through Christ-centered higher education, another generation of disciples who could finally and fully obey the Lord's last command.

g a i n i n g a g l o b a l p e r s p e c t i v e

This past January our Taylor Lighthouse team of 11 students, my wife, and I arrived in Bucharest, Romania, only to find that our bags had not arrived with us – thus experiencing one of the dreaded possibilities of international travel. We had told the students to bring extra things in their carry-on luggage in case this happened. However, several had been required to put their carry-ons, which were too large, in baggage. That was the beginning of what for some was the first experience of overseas travel and of another culture outside of the United States.

Our time spent in Romania provided us with an opportunity to share the love of Christ with orphans and experience to some extent the reality of James 1:27. "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans . . . in their distress" We sought to demonstrate God's love and in the process we also

experienced the children's love and saw a faith in some of them that was reminiscent of Jesus' words in Luke 18:15-17. "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." We were often humbled by their simple faith and love.

The January interterm trips (the Fort Wayne campus sent teams to Jamaica and Romania) are part of Taylor University's program to fulfill its core value of being "world engaging." They are also one aspect of obedience to Christ's command to make disciples of all nations. Every January and every spring Taylor provides students with opportunities to engage their world through short-term missions trips. These experiences are life-changing and do more than anything to produce young men and women who are truly World Christians. Some come back with a sense of a call of God upon their lives to become missionaries and others come back with a new vision of what God is doing in the world and a new openness to being a part of that in whatever way God chooses. It may involve going, giving, praying, mobilizing, or any number of things that one may do to engage in the global task of taking the Gospel to a lost world.

The basis for world engagement arises out of God's heart and concern for the world. This is seen throughout the Bible. Already in Gen. 3:15 God promises that through the seed of the woman One will come who will defeat the serpent, Satan. In Gen. 12:3 we find God working through one man to fulfill that promise. He promises to bless Abraham so that through him "all the peoples of the earth will be blessed."

God worked through the descendants of Abraham to proclaim His greatness to the nations. God's glory was seen in His deliverance of Israel from Egypt, in the conquest of Canaan, in the defeat of the Philistines, and throughout Israel's history. However, Israel, just as the church, sometimes failed to be the blessing to the nations that God desired. God eventually used the dispersion of Israel to extend His witness to the nations. Finally, in the "fullness of time" (Gal. 4:4), Christ came to this earth as the fulfillment of God's promise. Jesus' life and death demonstrated His love for the world and provided the means of redemption for mankind. His final command to believers was to take that good news to the ends of the earth (Matt. 28:16-20).

It is the mission of Taylor University to be engaged in this world, ministering the redemptive love of Christ to those in need. This world engagement involves short term mission trips as well as semester abroad programs, but it also involves engaging the world in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Students and faculty have the opportunity to minister to the many needs we find in our urban setting and to the many internationals that have come to Fort Wayne. We have a large international student population on the area college campuses, and Fort Wayne is one of the designated cities for refugees from war-torn countries such as Bosnia, Burma, Iraq and Vietnam. The Lord has brought the world to us and at Taylor we want to be faithful to His command to be engaged in it as salt and light (Matt. 5:13-16).

Dr. Roger Ringenberg
associate professor of missions



Roger Ringenberg ministers to Romanian orphans through Bible stories.



Engaging the Jordanian World

18 June 2002

Dear family and friends,

I am safely here in Amman, Jordan. Monday we spent time learning about the culture of Jordan and what our summer will be like. We are learning to give directions to and from our home in Arabic. We have been learning some about the history of Amman and of Jordan, especially in relation to Bible stories that took place on this land. Friday we will go to Mount Nebo, where Moses stood and surveyed the Promised Land before he died; it overlooks Palestine and the Dead Sea.

There are 16 total in our group from the US. Five of us will be teaching English this summer. We are volunteers for the United Nations High Commission Refugee (UNHCR) program. Many of the 1000 registered refugees in the area are eager to learn English; I look forward to helping with this. I will teach Level 5 English (on a scale of 1-6) for the UNHCR. I should have just over 10 students in my class. In our free time we will visit our students' homes, tour the area, plan our lessons, and learn about Arab Culture. Thanks for all of your prayers.

God bless! Stephanie

Stephanie Struck, TUFW senior, spent her summer working with Iraqi refugees in Jordan. Below are excerpts from letters she sent home.

22 June 2002

Dear family and friends,

Amman is set on a series of many hills, with some greenery but obvious evidence that we are in desert land. Our "backyard" is a cement patio and a garden which grows grapevines, pear, fig, olive and apricot trees, and a few others we can't identify until they become more ripe.

Wednesday we went downtown Amman and went to the top of the Citadel Hill; it is believed to be the site where Uriah the Hittite was killed. Thursday was World Refugee Day, so we visited the UNHCR exhibition featuring refugee women.

I got back a while ago from my first class, 9 of my 14 students came! My class ranges in age from 18 to 59! I have one family including 3 kids and their mother. They are all Iraqi refugees, most have not been in Jordan very long.

I am already not the same person as when I came; that is so exciting to me to learn new things and see a new people group and learn more about God.

Stephanie



27 June 2002

Dear friends and family,

Yesterday I finished my first week of teaching. My students had various jobs in Iraq before they fled such as a lawyer, teacher, physical therapist, etc. Many of them had college degrees and were most likely very wealthy, yet becoming a refugee causes them to lose all of that. Now, they sit here in my class doing work that to me is elementary school level.

Last night my roommate and I visited an Iraqi woman. She and her family left Iraq (near Ninevah), about a year ago. Her husband is in Denmark trying to gain citizenship so that he can move his family there. While they wait, she takes care of her 7 children alone here. To make a living here, she works with Karis Kraft, a project that was started about 6 years ago to help struggling refugee families make a living (they are not allowed to work in Jordan). The crafts are mostly cross-stitched items like pillows, wall hangings, etc.

In our team meetings, we continually talk about how God plays such a huge role in the culture here. I think of the American tradition, if I can call it that, to say "God bless you" when someone sneezes. They have LOADS of these statements in Arabic. If God is such a reality in *our* lives why do we not talk about Him more and share his blessing with those *we* meet every day? Please continue to pray for me as I teach.

Stephanie

3 July 2002

Dear family and friends,

Last Friday, for our day off, we went to Jerash, one of the cities of the Decapolis and is now said to become of the best preserved Roman ruins in the world, so much so that you can still see chariot grooves in the stone roads.



In the city of Jerash, among well-preserved Roman ruins.

I have 12 students total now which can be a little bit overwhelming when their levels of understanding vary here and there. I enjoy learning a lot about them and about Iraq. In order to take these classes with the UNHCR, the students must have obtained refugee status. Refugees are not allowed to work in Jordan, nor are they allowed to stay here long. They are all in the process of applying for resettlement in either Canada, Australia, or the USA. The USA

used to be the largest opening for them, but since Sept 11, many/most have been denied. About 95% of the refugees are Iraqi and I think that there is tension between Jordanians and Iraqis. So, while they all wait for resettlement, they struggle through a very poor and hard life here.

Tonight Keleigh and I are going to visit a family. Tomorrow our group is headed to PETRA!! Thanks for your prayers. Please continue to pray for me as I teach and for my class as they strive to become more fluent in English and as they struggle through life here.

In God's hands, Stephanie

10 July 2002

Dear family and friends,

I am so grateful for your faithful prayers during my travel and teaching; I really believe that you are partners with me.

Over the weekend I again went to the Amman International Church and I also attended the Arabic Alliance Church here. It was neat to see a Christian church in yet another language and to hear some familiar hymns in Arabic.

Teaching is going well, I am really beginning to connect with my students and love them more and more.

Last night a few of us took a visit to a student's home. I love visiting Arab homes; they are truly the most hospitable people I have ever met, yet there is such a pain and hopelessness in their eyes. Many of them have been through things that I cannot even imagine.

I want to share with you the verse that I sing to myself nearly every morning; Revelation 7:10 says "Salvation belongs to our God." What incredible joy that gives us. God is so good and is truly drawing me closer to Him, His promises, and His will with each passing day. As many people have said here, this land truly brings the Bible alive, even with the darkness that is so present.

God bless, Stephanie Joy

16 July 2002

Dear family and friends,

I have visited some of my students in their homes, I attended the Sudanese Fellowship Church on Friday, and I have explored more parts of Amman.

About the family visits . . . each time they have brought out a HUGE meal, most likely the best they will eat all week. On the first of the three, we were immediately given Coca-Cola and big plates of cake, cookies, and mixed nuts. This was what we munched on for about 2 hours so we weren't expecting anything else. By 9 p.m. we decided to start to leave (knowing that at least coffee or tea still must be served before we left). They told us we could not leave because dinner was ready. They brought out a plate of 7 kinds of fruit and vegetables, a plate of sausages and Iraqi kabobs, and another traditional Iraqi food. The family did not eat when we did, they just watched us and kept filling our plates. If you seem shy in serving yourself, they will literally pile the food on for you. One plate will never be enough either, you will have to have seconds at least! We can never eat as much as they would like us to.

They bring out pictures of the family members scattered around the world to wherever they could get a visa. They talk of their dreams to get to America, but until then they just wait. We have learned a lot about these people, their hopes, their fears, their

lives as refugees and why they had to flee. It breaks my heart often to see the pain in their eyes as they talk about many of these things. God really knew what he was doing when He sent us here, He had the whole trip planned and He is working in many ways.

I am understanding more what God says in Isaiah 43:10, "You are my witnesses, declares the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am He." The prayer of my heart is that my students will really know and believe Him, and understand who God truly is. Yet, five times a day I hear the call from the minarets all over the city reminding me to keep praying. For I know that God already has the victory and that Salvation belongs to our God.

Our trip this week will be on Sunday and we are going to the Dead Sea.

Thanks again for your continued prayers, God give you strength and peace (as they say here).

Stephanie Joy

24 July 2002

Asalam Alaykum (God give you all peace),

Tonight we had a girl over who is also teaching with the UN this summer. She is an Iraqi/Syrian refugee who became fluent in English that she is now helping teach. We had a really good



With Ala, Sana'a and Mosun, three of her Jordanian neighbors.

discussion and cleared up a lot of misconceptions about Americans and Christians. She had based her thoughts on movies. Praise God with me for the incredible visits I have had, the relationships I have been building, for my health, team unity,



Stephanie, on right, with team member, Keleigh, at Mount Nebo.

and the many things that I am learning. Prayer requests: for the relationship that we are forming with our neighbors. I desire that we would be a blessing in their lives.

Masalami, Allah yatik ilaafi (Goodbye, God give you strength).
Stephanie Joy

4 August 2002

Dear family and friends,

I can hardly believe I have been in Jordan for over 7 weeks, and can hardly believe that I only have one week left! It has been an INCREDIBLE experience; I have learned things that I only could have learned here, I have seen God in a new way, I have seen many incredible places, I have met great people, and I will never forget this experience.

I attended the Arabic Church again and saw one of my students (it was exciting to learn she is a believer!). We visited Umm Qais, the biblical city of Gadara, mentioned in Matthew 8, when Jesus casts the demons into the herd of pigs. It was neat to walk on ancient Roman roads where my Jesus may have walked. I stood for a while just looking at the Sea of Galilee thinking to myself that my Jesus walked on that water and calmed that water.

I again visited the Syrian/Iraqi girl that we had to our house for dinner last week. I think God enjoyed that visit, He was a big part of the conversation and helped us greatly to communicate. God is SO amazing. I wish I could fully explain to you the ways I have seen God on this trip.

Please pray for my students. As you pray, you may think of Hebrews 4:14-16 and Rev. 5.

Grateful for the blood of Jesus,
Stephanie Joy

11 August 2002

Dear family and friends... for the last time from Amman, Jordan!

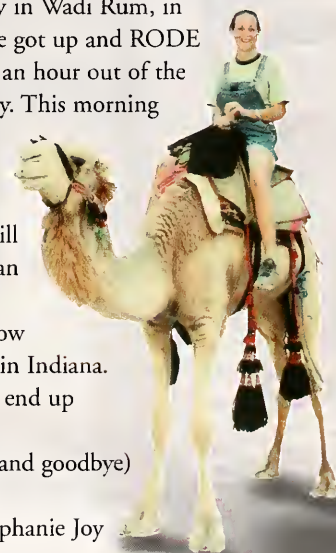
I can hardly believe this is my last day here. God has done great things this summer. None of the things that happened this summer were by my own might or power, but by His Spirit. Lives were impacted, Iraqis and Americans.

We spent Thursday and Friday in Wadi Rum, in Southern Jordan. The next day we got up and RODE CAMELS (my favorite thing) for an hour out of the desert. I am full of emotions today. This morning Lora and I spent an hour at the top of the Citadel Hill overlooking downtown Amman just praying. Tomorrow night I will be back in the states. It has been an incredible summer!!

Pray for me as I travel tomorrow and then as I jump back into life in Indiana. I'm sure my re-entry process may end up harder than I expect.

Shukran & Masalami (thanks and goodbye) from the Middle East!!!!!!!!!!!!

In Him, Stephanie Joy



He Shaped Taylor

The University celebrates the career and service of Daryl Yost

Daryl Yost loves Taylor students. After two decades of serving as a University administrator; he and his wife, Joenita, count their relationships with students as one of the greatest highlights of their Taylor experience. Yost states that his interaction with the staff and faculty of the University is another high point of his years at Taylor. "I love the enthusiasm and energy among those involved in education," he remarks.

Following a 25-year career that included serving as a teacher, principal, superintendent and businessman, Yost arrived at Taylor in 1983. He worked as the vice president for development, served briefly as acting president in 1985, and served alongside President Jay Kesler as the university provost. "Except for Christian Stemen, Burt Ayres and Milo Rediger, no other employee in a non-presidential role has held as much responsibility and/or influence as has Yost," states Dr.

William Ringenberg in his book, Taylor University, The First 150 Years, page 246.

Taylor University President, David Gyertson, shares, "Dr. Yost has served both the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses of Taylor University with great distinction. His attention to detail, commitment to quality and love for both students and employees has made him a valued member of the Taylor family. During the last few years he has given primary attention to our Fort Wayne campus where enrollments have grown significantly, the Eicher Student Commons completed and a new library begun. He has been instrumental in connecting that campus and the city in meaningful and effective ways."

"Whenever the years 1985-2000 are evaluated, certainly a great deal of good that happened is attributed to

Daryl Yost. I cannot overstate my

gratitude for Daryl and for Joenita who on countless occasions was a "second mile" person in her devotion to Daryl and to Taylor University," Taylor University chancellor, and former president, Jay Kesler reflects.

Yost was instrumental in the merger-acquisition of the Fort Wayne campus and has served as the executive vice president of the University and the chief operating officer of the Fort Wayne campus.

"These past 20 years at Taylor have been very fulfilling for Joenita and me," Yost explains. "The time spent with students and employees of the University has been marvelous and rewarding."

While his official duties at the University are coming to a close, the positive influence he had on the campuses and the students will be felt for generations.

Additional features and photos will be published in the summer edition of the Taylor Fort Wayne Alumnus.

Dr. Daryl Yost

Education: bachelor degree from Manchester College, 1958; master and doctorate degrees from Ball State University, 1961 and 1969.

Career: Secondary school teacher in Richmond, Kokomo and Fort Wayne, 1958-1964; Fort Wayne Community Schools building administrator, 1964-68; assistant superintendent for Northern Wells Community and East Allen County Schools, 1969-73; superintendent for East Allen 1973-82; vice president at Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Co., 1982-83.

Taylor University: vice president for development, acting president, provost, chief administrative officer, chief operating officer of the Fort Wayne campus, executive vice president, 1983-present.

Family: Wife: Joenita; sons, Kent and Brian; a daughter, Lana; nine grandchildren.



Dr. Daryl and Joenita Yost

Board Business

The board of trustees met January 23-25 in their annual strategies planning retreat. President David Gyertson stated, "The University is blessed to have trustees who believe in the mission and serve sacrificially in support of it. The University's future is bright as we fulfill the mission to be covenant communities where men and women are equipped to extend 'the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need' through quality, Christ-centered higher education."

Major discussions and related action items:

- Affirmed the emphasis on academic program and faculty support as the primary focus for resource allocation for the remaining three years of the planning cycle.
- Reviewed the program and business plan presented for the Fort Wayne campus reaffirming that it is an essential part of achieving Taylor University's 21st Century vision. In affirming the plan, the board of trustees recognized that continuing financial subsidies will be necessary.
- Affirmed the need to begin construction of the Kesler Student Activities Center as soon as possible. In light of the critical nature of the facility, the board authorized the issuing of bonds in the amount of \$8 million to cover the cost of completion.
- Acknowledging the June 30, 2003, completion of Dr. Jay Kesler's three-year appointment as chancellor, the board unanimously recognized his valued role to the University, electing him to the office of "President Emeritus."
- Affirmed, with deep appreciation, the 42 years Dr. Barbara Dickey has served Taylor, bestowing on her the title, "Faculty Emeritus."
- Recognized the excellent service of Mr. John Horne to the board of trustees and, upon his retirement, elected him as a "Trustee Emeritus."
- Elected Mr. Chris Goegelein g84TUU to the board of trustees. Chris is the former vice president for corporate development of the Lincoln National Corporation and currently managing partner of True North Strategies Advisors. He is married to Debra (Glass) Goegelein g84TUU. They have three children: Justin, Alissa and Anna.
- Taylor University will receive a \$1 million matching gift from Lilly Endowment Inc., as a result of a successful fundraising campaign with its Board of Trustees.

Enrollment Continues to Rise

Taylor University Fort Wayne enrolled 651 students this semester, reflecting a growth of 146 students over the same semester last year. Total spring enrollment is also up from the total number of students who enrolled in the fall 2002 semester, reflecting positive campus retention rates.

Leo Gonot, associate vice

president for enrollment management, attributes the campus' student population growth to expanded program offerings for adult (non-traditional) students.

Twenty adult students are enrolled in the Transition to Teaching Program, a program designed for individuals who have already obtained a bachelor degree and have a

desire to pursue a teaching career. By completing 18-24 credit hours of education courses, they are able to obtain an Indiana teaching license. An additional 47 students are also enrolled in the Everybody Reads Program, a grant funded incentive for area teachers to promote literacy training in the classroom.

Construction Updates

Calvin H. English Library

Construction began early March. Completion of the project is slated for fall semester, 2004. Visit the Taylor Fort Wayne website at www.tayloru.edu/ to view building progress, via webcam.

Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center



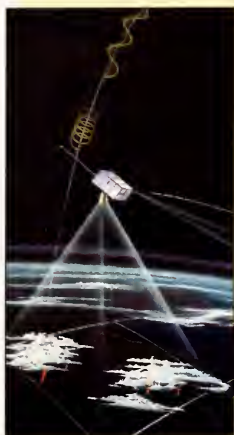
The 38,000 square-foot facility houses the art program (with concentrations offered in drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, ceramics, graphics, jewelry and art history), art education, and computer graphic arts, as well as two new minors in studio art and in graphic design programs.

The building is named for Modelle (Holt TUUfs45) Metcalf who was financially unable to complete her degree. In the following years the Metcalfs' children did attend and graduate from Taylor, and in 1999 Coburn Metcalf gave the University the largest gift ever given by a living donor, \$1.5 million, in honor of his wife, Modelle.

Kesler Student Activities

Center, named for former president Jay Kesler and his wife, Janie, will help increase the wellness opportunities for all Upland students. The facility will have four additional playing surfaces, expanding training facilities and fitness center, rehabilitation room and indoor 200-meter competition level track. Additional facts about the activities center, including interior and exterior views of the proposed building, are available at www.tayloru.edu/taylor/ttomorrow/.

Orbiting Observer



Taylor is emerging as a leader in nanosatellite technology in Indiana, and the new U.S. Air Force grant offers added momentum. The physics department won a university nanosatellite grant from the United States Air Force Office of Space Research (AFOSR) in a national competition with graduate-level schools. The title of

the proposal is Thunderstorm Effects in Space: Technology (TEST) Nanosatellite. This two-year grant will provide a total of \$100,000 for the design and fabrication of a 35-pound nanosatellite with dimensions nine inches by nine inches by 18 inches.

Taylor University is the only undergraduate university to win in this competition. The thunderstorm nanosatellite will be the second satellite designed and built by Taylor University physics research faculty, staff and students.



Men's Gathering

The first annual Taylor men's gathering was a time for prayer, renewal, sports, great food and strengthened friendships. Held in Upland on June 7-9, 2002, the event featured sessions with Jay Kesler, Matt Massey, Steve Mikesell, David Gyertson, Rick Hawks, Mark Arnold, and Paul Eckberg. Those who came felt that the weekend exceeded their expectations.

Dick Gygi helped to organize the event and looks forward to the 2003 men's gathering to be held at Taylor University's Upland campus on June 6 - 8, 2003.

For more information contact Jerry Cramer at jrcramer@tayloru.edu or 1-800-882-3456 ext 85112.

Taylor University Announces Master Degrees in Business Administration and Environmental Science

Two new graduate-level degrees received accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Classes begin this fall. The Master of Business Administration (MBA) at TUFW campus and Master of Environmental Science Program (MES) at the Upland campus will be Taylor's first graduate-level course offerings in 80 years.

According to Dr. Ronald Sloan, associate vice president of academic affairs, "The NCA has rigorous standards regarding a program's structure, faculty, resources, curriculum and facilities. Besides these standards, there is the encouragement to be innovative and, most importantly, consistent with the University's mission. In Taylor's case, it meant demonstrating the MBA would advance lifelong learning and ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need. Nothing else would meet accreditation requirements and nothing else is worth doing."

Dr. Dwight Jessup, Taylor University's provost and vice president for academic affairs, adds, "The bestowal of accreditation on this graduate program, as well as the MES offered by the Upland campus, marks another stage in Taylor's development as a full-service, Christ-centered liberal arts community."

The MBA program was aided by a \$100,000 donation from STAR Financial Bank. "Taylor University is honored to have this opportunity to partner with STAR Financial Bank in offering this program to the Fort Wayne-Allen County community and beyond," Dr. Daryl Yost, executive vice president of the University/C.O.O. of the Fort Wayne campus.

"STAR Financial is deeply committed to higher education. We've had a strong

relationship with Taylor for many years and believe in their curriculum and their commitment to provide innovative, creative and quality programs to their students," shared Jim Marcuccilli, CEO and president, STAR Financial Bank.

The MBA program includes courses with international travel and several "learning lab" environments where graduate students will work with organizations and corporations on current business assignments. Similar to traditional executive MBA programs, students can complete the program via the Internet from anywhere in the world.

"The program will challenge students to develop and apply their Christian faith by examining such individual traits as integrity, character, leadership, change and creativity," said Dr. Larry W. Rottmeyer, professor of marketing and campus director of the business program.



master of business administration

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Taylor University

"Graduate business students will be stimulated to learn and think critically as a result of the effective use of innovative instructional methods and delivery systems."

The four areas of emphasis in the MBA program include business development and creativity, global business practices, faith-based leadership and management strategy. "The strong emphasis of combining flexible and affordable education, along with opportunities to meet with Christian business leaders, will prepare business people for careers in a global environment," said Dr. Chris Bennett, director of graduate studies at Taylor University. "This timely and relevant curricular focus, delivered in a flexible and affordable format, will provide new options for individuals seeking to further their careers in a global business environment."

Falcon Athletic Highlights



above, Ginger Robins, looks to outsmart an opponent.

Lady Falcons Ranked 5th in Nation

The women's basketball team amazed many fans this season with their 23-3 record. The outstanding play earned them a trip to Maine for the National Tournament where they placed fifth and newcomer, Megan Mattson, was named "All American."

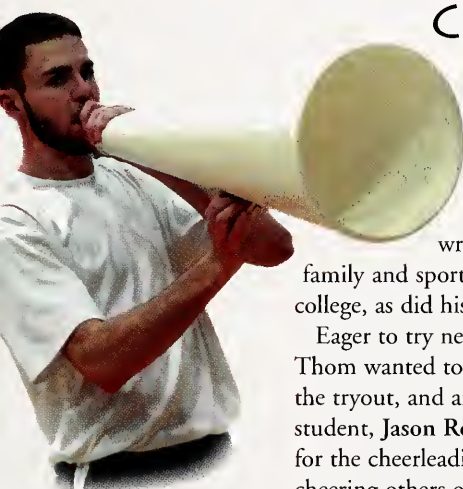
The tournament, United States Collegiate Athletic Association championship at Central Maine Technical College, was held March 3-8. The ladies played Central Maine in the first round, where they lost 77-60. In their second and final game, the Lady Falcons defeated Paul Smith's, 71-41, ranking the TUFW women's team fifth in the nation.

The team may have amazed the fans, but Coach Corey Laster knew they had the potential. "The overall skills of the team are better than last year, as the players are quicker and stronger in every position," he said at the season's start.

The team's strength is evident, as they have had four "Players of the Week" this season and were the second-highest scoring team in the association.

"We had high hopes for the tournament and were confident that we would be competitive with any team we faced," said junior Katie Broecker.

Broecker and Mattson, have been an excellent combination, leading this team to success. All-American Broecker averaged 13.9 points and 10.4 rebounds and Mattson averaged 19.7 points and 11.6 rebounds.



CHEERING OTHERS ON TO MINISTRY

Thom Walcott lettered in three high school sports: track, soccer and wrestling. He had been cheered on by family and sports fans, however, that role reversed in college, as did his purpose in life.

Eager to try new things as a college freshman, Thom wanted to try out to be the school's mascot. At the tryout, and after some convincing by fellow student, **Jason Roton g00**, encouraged him to try out for the cheerleading squad instead. The new role of cheering others on has been a good fit and he has been a member of the Falcon cheerleading squad for four years. It runs in the family! The only other member of the TUFW cheerleading squad to have participated on the squad all four years is Thom's sister and current coach, **Tui (Walcott) Bedwell g97**.

Thom knows that encouragement the players receive from the cheerleaders and fans who support them is

vital to the strength of the team.

Although Thom has spent the last four years dedicating himself to consistent servant leadership, serving as vice president of his class for his first three years, volunteering for Youth for Christ's campus life program for two years, currently participating on the advanced student leadership team, and serving as a peer mentor and resident assistant for the past two years, he hasn't always walked on a straight path. Thom was "walking down the wrong path, toward a troubled future" when a Christian friend intervened and directed him down another path, toward the cross. Thom's future changed, and now he too would like to change the future. By majoring in youth ministry he hopes to change the lives of those who hold the future.

Having been cheered-on by sports fans while an athlete, and having received encouragement from family and a strong Christian friend with life in general, Thom knows the importance of support. Whether on the sidelines of a Falcon basketball game, among his peers, or with youth of the city, Thom is ready to run with the torch of ministry and encouragement for the next leg of the race.



EARN A DEGREE IN PROFESSIONAL WRITING

After Rachel Osborn graduated from high school, she enrolled at a major state university. She told her advisors, “I want to become a professional writer. I want to write short stories, novels, screenplays, interviews, magazine articles; I want to learn it all.”

Instead, Rachel was told she could either enter the standard journalism track and study to be a newspaperwoman or she could major in English and learn to write poems and teach literature. She tried to mix and match courses to create a hybrid major, but it only resulted in a mishmash of academic confusion.

“Then at a writers’ club I heard about the professional writing major and Taylor University’s campus in Fort Wayne, Ind.,” recalled Osborn. “I drove over there from my home in Ohio and met students who were having phenomenal success at getting published in national periodicals. That’s what I wanted. So I transferred my credits to Taylor. By the end of my first year at Taylor, I was published in seven national magazines.”

MAJOR EXPANSION

Osborn’s story is typical. Taylor began offering a major in professional writing in 1997. Only two students signed up for it that fall. Within a year, however, enrollment in the program had increased more than 2,000 percent; and students were coming from as far away as Ireland and

Brazil. Today more than 50 students are majoring in professional writing and hundreds of others—people of all ages and backgrounds—are auditing classes or attending part-time.

“When I arrived on campus, I knew I wanted to learn to write professionally,” said Erica Williams, 22, of Bloomington, Ind. “I had no previous experience, however. But that didn’t matter. My classes were designed to teach me how to write well and how to market my manuscripts successfully. I’m now in my last year of studies, and I already have a full portfolio of published work. I’ve sold reviews, devotions, interviews, short stories, and feature articles. I’ve also been a winner of two national writing contests.”

MAJOR EMPHASIS

What makes Taylor’s program different from other college creative writing programs is its emphasis on the pragmatic side of being a writer.

“We are as much concerned about teaching our students how to understand copyright laws, marketing strategies, literary agents, royalties, publicity tours, and career networking as we are about showing them how to write a good sentence or to conduct a good interview,” said Dr. Dennis E. Hensley, the program director.

So when Hensley teaches a class, such as Freelance Writing, he invites magazine editors, book publishers, literary agents, and other

professional authors to talk about their publications or careers. Additionally, he shares secrets of his own career success, which includes six novels and more than 30 nonfiction books.

"We don't do theoretical exercises in my classes," said Hensley. "I teach students how to analyze the needs of a magazine, and then I make them write material they submit to the editors. It's real world experience. We have a huge bulletin board outside my office that is 48 square feet, and every inch of it is covered with published articles by our students."

The Taylor curriculum is demanding. For core courses, the professional writing major must take fiction writing, business and technical writing, public relations writing, journalism and feature writing, and a minimum of three different literature courses. Additionally, students must take two intensive writing workshops in their choice of such topics as scriptwriting, religious writing, playwriting, writing for children and teens. Each student also spends one semester doing a practicum or internship working for a magazine, book publisher, newspaper or public relations firm.

"Our goal is to have students who graduate with a degree that has prepared them to write in any venue available, whether covering news or writing the great American novel," explained Dr. Hensley. "To that end, all of our graduates are now working professionally as writers."

MAJOR ATTRACTION

Hensley worked full-time as a writer for 23 years before accepting the challenge to go to Taylor to create a major for people who wanted to be like him: a successful author. He and his department chairperson, Dr. Pam Jordan, developed a curriculum and array of classes that were so successful word got out quickly that Taylor was the place to come for promising writers.

Student Nick Hayden noted, "I

had scholarship offers from Stanford and Harvard, but when I visited TUFW and saw how the students were connecting with editors and agents and how they were getting personal attention from a professor who had published thousands of articles and dozens of books, I knew this was the place for me. It turns out, it was a good decision. I'm in my senior year, and I've finished two screenplays and a novel, served as campus newspaper editor, and sold dozens of freelance magazine articles. I'm already a professional writer, and I haven't even graduated yet."

As successful as the writing program is at Taylor, more opportunities lie in its future. Hensley and Jordan report that new writing classes are being added and famous authors have been booked to serve as writers-in-residence on campus. "We have tapped into an academic niche that can't be found anywhere else," said Hensley. "If people want to spend years debating the esoteric value of literature, they can go to ivy-covered universities. If they want to become successfully published writers, they can come to Taylor. It's that simple."

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Dr. Hensley shown below with **Jeremy Reynolds g01**.



Students Become Authors

The Discipleship Journal bought Maura Klopfenstein's 1500 word article at a rate of 25 cents per word!

Nontraditional student, Lynette Bleed, was awarded free tuition to attend the Jerry B. Jenkins "Writing for the Soul" writers' conference in Colorado Springs because her essay took honorable mention in the conference's writing contest. Lynette has also completed the second of her four part series on shopping tips features that started appearing in the March issue of Purpose Magazine.

Andrea Metetic's travel writing assignment about a Christian coffeehouse in Ohio was accepted for publication in the March issue of Connections tabloid, as well as the profile Andrea did of Christian pop singing artist Joy Williams.

Two of Peggy Sue Wells' articles, "Estee's Smile" and "Go Ahead--Pray for Anything" have been accepted to be two of the 30 published chapters in a forthcoming book from Tyndale House called The Young Believers' Case File scheduled for release in paperback, September 2, 2003.

Of the 33 people in the Freelance Writing class, 21 have had their devotionals accepted for future publication in The Secret Place. Twenty seven of the published reviewers for the winter 2003 issue of Church Libraries are Taylor Fort Wayne students. Maura Klopfenstein and Aaron Brosman have been named co-editors of TUFW's new literary insert in the campus' newspaper.

The spring Fiction Writing class enrolled 44 students, a record for the campus' English class.

Sharathon 2003

What a Difference You Made!



God did an awesome work!! In the midst of economic uncertainty and talk of war, the WBCL staff agreed that it was about God being glorified, whether or not the \$1,250,000 Sharathon goal was met.

The telephones were very slow with pledges running thousands of dollars behind last year. With six hours left, WBCL was \$432,000 short of the goal.

When it was time to end, still \$134,000 from their goal, the phone lines were quiet. WBCL would air one more song,

praise God together, and conclude. But God had a different plan!

During that "last" song, a businessman called, saying he had wrestled with God for 48 hours. Finally, he decided to make his faith promise, encouraging others to step out in faith. From that moment on, it was as though the WBCL staff were bystanders as God orchestrated the next four-and-a-half hours. The staff was swept along in a huge current as the phones continued to ring until 4:45 p.m. when the goal was surpassed. Never in 27 years of broadcasting had the staff seen anything like it. The staff comments, "We are humbled and honored as we continue serving our awesome God!"

The WBCL staff celebrates exuberantly as listener pledges put the station "over the top" five hours after the "end" of Sharathon. Celebrating, l. to r., Pam Barcalow, Ron Schneemann, Jason Craner, Lynne Ford, Larry Bower, Phil Reaser, and Linda Richards.

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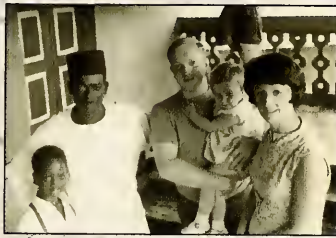
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Not out of Africa

"We had translation on our hearts from the beginning. . . having spent 15 years among them we could help translate the Bible into more than mere words, but make it meaningful in their language and culture." *Kamakwie

Phil and Jan Logan



Having a Bible in one's language is nothing new to most Americans. In fact, many of us have a variety of Bible versions. Ironically, though, only five percent of the world's people has a complete Bible in their own language (Ethnologue 2000). The Logans' completion of the Bible into Kuranko, spoken in Sierra Leone, West Africa, marks the 363rd language group to have both an OT and NT in their native tongue. The impact of this achievement is far reaching, as it has the potential to minister to 1.5 million people in related languages. The completion of this project was a process that spanned three decades of overseas ministry.

Phil 67 and Jan (Schumacher) 68 Logan's hearts for the people of Sierra Leone began long before they reached Africa. Jan reflects, "growing up, missionaries often stayed in our home." There was also a strong missionary program in Royal Oak, MI, at Phil's home church, where many of the missionaries who spoke there were from Sierra Leone. Although both felt the call to missions while in high school, it was confirmed for them while in college at Fort Wayne Bible College, where they both majored in missions. They married in 1967 and headed to Yifin, Sierra Leone, West Africa, in 1971, where they spent 15 years as church planters. The next 15 years were dedicated primarily to translation. The Logans view their church planting years as crucial to their translation efforts since understanding the native language and culture is critical to translation work.

"We had translation on our hearts from the beginning because we saw their need for written material," Jan shares. When the Logans arrived in Yifin, in 1971, the only written materials the nationals had included the New Testament, songbooks, and health materials. Phil comments, "It was evident that translating the Old Testament was crucial for the Sierra Leonean Muslims." Jan adds, "Their way of life closely resembles the life and culture of the Old Testament, and they relate well to the OT. The Old Testament was also significant, as it set the groundwork for the New Testament--why Christ came and the sacrifice He made." In 1986, Lutheran Bible Translators asked the Logans to translate the Old Testament into Kuranko; the Logans were eager to do the task. "Living among the people, we knew their culture and somewhat how they think, and therefore we could translate the Bible into more than words; we could make it meaningful in their language and to their culture," Jan comments. As the Logans showed their sincere concern for the Kurankos in all aspects of life, trust was built and the foundation for sharing the message was also established.

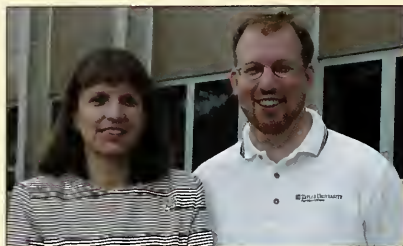
Although they had to return to the United States in 1994 because of the war, Phil and Jan's translation efforts did not stop, and the Lord's work did not end in Sierra Leone. "We've been back to Sierra Leone twice since the war," Phil begins. "We realize that in our absence, the believers there are stronger in their faith because they've had to rely on the Lord themselves, instead of relying on us. When we arrived in Yifin in 1971 there were only three churches in that area of the country. Now there are 30."

Phil and Jan also continue other translation projects--providing pastoral training and primers to the people of Sierra Leone. They conclude, "our office may now be in America, but our work is still in Africa."

Top to bottom: Phil and Jan Logan and daughter, Marci (Logan) Tuckey 92, on their first day in Sierra Leone, with Chief Bala, the Yifin chief, November 15, 1971. Phil, center, at Bendergu pastor's meeting, October, 1984. Phil, Jan and John Kali Mansaray, translating, 1984. Phil and Jan present completed translations of the OT and NT, 2003.

Alumni News Notes

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With record enrollment, increased giving and participation, the Fort Wayne campus and Alumni Association are buzzing with excitement.

The Calvin H. Library is under construction (visit www.tayloru.edu/ttomorrow for a web cam update), as are plans for Homecoming 2003, September 26-28. Watch your mailbox for exciting details for class reunions and other Homecoming activities, including the Alumni Brunch! Tami and I look forward to having you back on campus!

involved in Sunday schools. Margaret participates in activities at church and enjoys being near family. Her address is 5010 N. Sheridan, Apt. D, Peoria, IL 61614.

1952

Joy Gerig g52 & 66 has relocated to 407 Parent Dr., Ossian, IN 46777.

John and Vivian Hill g52 retired in 1993 from missionary service. They served in Venezuela for 35 years. Contact them at 1006 118th St. E., Bradenton FL 34212; jhillfl@juno.com.

1928

Quinton g28 and Mae (Yoder) Everest g28 celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary on February 16, 2003.

1940

Lois Hetmansperger g40 is actively involved in various ministries, including: Gideon Ministry, Child Evangelism Fellowship, jail ministry and nursing home ministry. Contact her at 1008 W. Kingdom Way Lot 22, Avon Park, FL 33825.

1944

Rev. Burley Clay g44 retired in October after serving at Redeemer Missionary Church in Toledo, OH. He has been in ministry 58 years. He and his wife, Alice (Cone) g44, reside at 5843 Jackman Rd., Toledo, OH 43613.

George and Miriam (Schumacher) Escher g44 lead Bible studies in Hawaii and may be reached at 507 Paopua Pl., Kailua, HI 96734.

1945

Kenneth and Dolores (Johnson) Birkey g49 are active in the Groveland, IL, Missionary Church and with the Gideon Ministry. Son, Duane g87TUU and his wife Cheri (Passon) g89TUU, with daughters Rachel and Nicole, serve with HCJB Radio in Quito, Ecuador.

Rev. John g45 and Helen (Kemmerer) Blosser g45, retired missionaries, serve their home church, Brennenman Memorial

Missionary Church, as members of the missions committee; John also serves as deacon at the church. Their children and spouses, Daniel and Rose, Mark fs78 and Debbie (Rupp) g79, Joel fs75 and Barb (Kennedy) fs75, and Ruthann (Blosser) g81 and Rev. Marty Longcor g81 are involved in missionary work. John and Helen's email is jblosser@npcc.net.

Bob g45 and Lavera (Amstutz) Ross fs44 served 10 years in Sierra Leone, spent 14 years doing courier work and have now retired again. You may reach them at 20255 Banner Ave, Port Charlotte, FL 33952, (941) 624-2982; lrross@sunline.net.

1948

Though Paul Erdel g48 and his wife, Ruth, are retired missionaries, they continue to serve others. Paul teaches tutorials for Bethel College students and is dean of a small Spanish Bible Institute program. Ruth is involved in Russian ministries in the U.S. and the former Soviet Union. Contact them at 1610 Charlotte St, Mishawaka, IN 46545, (574) 255-9635; rutherdel@core.com.

1950

Howard and Ruth Dunlap g50 pastor Fellowship Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Plametto, FL. Contact them at 7420 Westwood Dr., Ellenton, FL 34222, (941) 721-3406; hr1dunlap@aol.com.

Margaret Korta g50 retired in October 1999 from 47 years with the Southern Highland Evangel Church. In serving the Lord, she worked in public schools and was

1953

Since retiring from the University of St. Francis, Dr. Jacqueline Carl g53, has been involved in senior adult ministries at Brookside Church, Fort Wayne. She is also president of her neighborhood association and is in the process of writing two books. Her address is 9510 Shadecreek Pl., Fort Wayne, IN 46835, jjcarl@juno.com.

Bobbette (Osborn) Ridenour g53 retired in 1991 after 38 years of service at Fellowship of Grace Brethren Church Headquarters. Contact her at 2954 E 900 S Claypool, IN 46510, (260) 839-4015; bj_ridenour@kcoline.com.

1954

Robert Chroninger g54's wife, Margaret, passed away in May 2001. He remarried in April 2002. He and Eleanor reside in Greenfield, OH, where Robert is senior pastor of Trinity Christian Union Church.

David g54 and Imogene (Palmer)

Zimmerman g49, have participated in nine mission trips since their retirement in 1994. They are currently on their fifth mission trip to the Christian Academy of Guatemala. David assists in the accounting department while Imogene does psychoeducational testing to determine students' learning difficulties. Contact them at 808 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206, (480) 641-1866.

1956

Kent Keener took a position with the Brookside Church as director of care

ministries in March 2002. He and wife **Barbara (Streitmatter) g56** reside at 4119 Stillwood Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46815, keenway@aol.com.

1957
Madelyn (Shives) Lehman g57, while a retired elementary school teacher, enjoys substitute teaching. Her husband, **Jerry g57**, passed away in August. Her address is 115 Laurel Ln., East Peoria, IL 61611, jlehman115@aol.com.

1958
Rev. Lester Meisenheimer g58 fills pulpits in local churches while Sharon (**Carlson**) **fs58** is a full-time night R.N. supervisor at a nursing home. Their address is 14702 2400 N. Ave., Walnut, IL 61376, smlm34@cin.net.

1961
Ron Hodgins g61 served as an administrator in the Sarasota Christian School for 11 years. He and **MaryLee (Popp) g54** reside at 1823 Oak View Dr, Sarasota, FL 34232, (941) 371-6481; r_mlhodgins@juno.com.

1962
Dr. Donald Gerig g62 recently retired after 40 years of pastoral and educational ministry. He will focus on a speaking ministry. Contact him and **Caroline (Perry) g61** at 5140 Coventry Ln., Fort Wayne, IN 46804; ddgceg@aol.com.

1965
Roger Doriot fs65 is involved in helping with several translation workshops and projects in the Irian Jaya/Papua jungle ministries. His email is Rdoriot@ufm.org.

1966
Myron g66 and Betty Harrison g65 serve as missionaries in the Philippines via Operation Mobilization. Myron equips pastors for various ministries. Betty ministers through Bukang Liwayway/Rising Sun (holistic church planting among urban poor) and works with missionary health care. You may contact them at CPO Box 1997-1159, 1100 Quezon City, Philippines, harrisonbetty@omf.net and harrisonmyron@omf.net.

1967
Larry Heidelberg g67 is a caseworker for Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation with Adams and Wells counties. **Naomi (Buckels) g69** teaches in the Fort Wayne Community School system. They reside at 1112 Valley-O-Pines Pkwy, Fort Wayne, IN 46845, laheide@aol.com.

Sharon (Walter) Hull g67's kindergarten class (at Fort Wayne Christian School) was recently on "America's Funniest Home Videos." **Bill g69** and Sharon reside at 6807 Balmoral Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46804; billsharonhull@cs.com.

1968
Connie Vollmar g68 is curriculum director for the Children's Cottage Child Care Center of Catholic Charities, Fort Wayne. Her address is 6510 Covington Rd. E 307, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

1972
Paul g72 and Marian (Enders) Keidel g72, are in the USA on home assignment. Paul has been in upstate New York and on the east coast, while Marian has been in OH and FL sharing at mission conferences and other speaking opportunities regarding their work in France. Their address, until May 2003, is 604 Harmon Dr., Longview, TX 75602.

Rick g72 and Monica Haberkamp serve with TEAM as church planters in Chad, Africa. They are currently on home assignment. They and daughters Sarah, Angie and Lisa reside at 409 N. Jefferson, Van Wert, OH 45891; haberk5@yahoo.com.

1973
Marcos Botas g73 and his wife, Joan, are active in veterans activities,

holding memorial services and funerals, sharing at schools and volunteering at the V. A. Hospital. Marcos is also a volunteer chaplain at the V.A. Hospital, State Department Marine Corps League and Korean War Veteran Association. They live at 1730 Kinsmoor Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46809; alohamarcosjoan@juno.com.

In April 2002, **Gordon g73 and Margaret (Stamm) Schumacher g72** took ownership of the Christian bookstore beside their gift shop, Pennycrest Gift Shoppe. They reside at 19625 Rd. W., Archbold, OH 43502, pennycrest@bnnorth.net.

1974
Janet Nickel g74 has returned to Dabola where she continues to minister to refugees. You may contact her via email at JanetNickel@compuserve.com.

Rev. Timothy Steiner g74 serves as associate pastor at Dover Alliance Church. He and wife, **Sheryl (Bixler) fs72**, reside at 933 Lakeview Dr., Dover, OH 44622; steinertim@hotmail.com.

1975
Steven Ponchot g75 serves as mentor/counselor/chaplain and after-school tutoring coordinator in the public school system and **Judy (Herman) g75** is in her

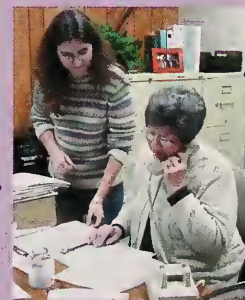
Phonathon 2003 Exceeds Goal!

Thank you for responding to the Lilly Endowment, Inc. challenge this year, and now during Phonathon. Under the direction of Kari Reynolds, coordinator of advancement support, and Tami Solak, asst. to alumni relations and major gifts officer, and numerous volunteers and students, Phonathon has met its goal and will hit a record high this year (totals were still being tallied at press time).

On behalf of the students, thank you, alumni and friends, for your participation. We are grateful for alumni response and excitement. Each gift, whether \$1 or \$1000, is needed and appreciated.

Pledges and gifts continue to be accepted through the alumni office:

1025 West Rudisill Blvd,
Fort Wayne IN 46807,
260-744-8790
www.tayloru.edu/fw/gifts.



Heather Ruch, current student, and Violet (Egley) Ringenberg g45 participate in Phonathon 2003.

17th year of teaching first grade. They will celebrate 30 years of marriage this May. The couple has two grandsons. Contact the Ponchots at 5513 Boulder Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34233, (941) 377-1959; sponchot@comcast.net.

1978

Mark g78 and Dee Krueger, missionaries to Guinea, rejoice in the safe evacuation of their two daughters, students and staff at the International Christian Academy, as well as most missionary personnel in the country of Cote d'Ivoire, when civil war broke out in September. God provided housing and staff as the students resumed studies at the Dakar Academy in Senegal. Email the Kruegers at timbifolks@speedymail.org.

1979

James Emig g79 serves with the First Baptist Church -- Shelter on the Hill as the director of the homeless shelter. You may reach him at 755 S. Dale Ct., Denver, CO 80219, emig_msn.com.

Tom Nevil g79 works at AFFINA in customer service. He is actively involved in his church, Faith Christian Center, Washington, IL, serving in the evangelism

discipleship program, "ALPHA." His address is 221 Grand View Ave., East Peoria, IL 61611; newman5@excite.com.

1980

Glenn Cate g80 is an information technologist analyst with Progress Energy in St. Petersburg, FL. He has completed Microsoft Systems Engineer and Cisco certifications. Glenn also serves as district secretary with the Missionary Church's Florida District (MCFD). His wife, Becky g87, serves as administrative assistant in the fine arts department of Northside Christian School and is the MCFD district conference coordinator. The couple has one daughter, Sarah (6). The family lives at 405 Merydith Way So., St. Petersburg, FL 33707-2229, (727) 820-5205; glenn.cate@pgnmail.com.

Carol Findlay g80, missionary in South Korea, has started an English Bible study with the nursing professors at a nearby university. She is also writing various prayer materials concerning North Korea. She resides at Kukdong Sangnokso, Apt. 102-906, Seoul, South Korea 157-863.

1981

Jean Baumbach fs81 continues in

translation work in the Niger Republic. The first draft of I Peter is completed. Jean's email is alheri@compuserve.com.

Tim TUU g81 and Jeannie (Gerig)

Johnson g78 have served 15 years as missionaries in Japan with TEAM. Kurume Bible Fellowship, an international church on the west side of Tokyo, has been the main focus of their ministry for nearly 10 of those years. Their email is TimJeannie@aol.com.

Bill and Holly (Miller) Kollenbaum g81 were married on May 24. Holly works at GMSI as project coordinator and will receive her master of science degree in education in curriculum and instruction in May 2003 from the University of Sarasota. Their address is 2930 Meadowood Dr., New Port Richey, FL 34655; hkollenbaum@yahoo.com.

Don g81 and Rachel (Weber) Kramer g79 have been ministering in Taiwan for three terms as church planters. Don has assisted in field leadership and Rachel has served as language supervisor for new missionaries. They currently reside state side and plan to return to the field in July. Contact them at 457 N. Michigan Ave, Edgerton, OH 43517, (419) 298-0024; donrachtaiwan@yahoo.com.

Steven Ware g81 has published two articles. "Premillennialism in the Holiness Movement in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries" appeared in Essays in Premillennialism and "Restorationism in Classical Pentecostalism" appeared in The New International Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements. He currently serves as associate professor of history and theology at Nyack College, New York City. He, his wife, Rebecca, and their three children reside in New Jersey. His email addresses are wares@ncmc.nyack.edu or sware194@hotmail.com.

1983

Rev. Curtis Alexander g83 received his doctor of ministry degree from Bethel Seminary in June 2002. He is pastor of Groveland Missionary Church in central Illinois. He also teaches at TUFW's Center of Lifelong Learning. He and wife, Kathy, have moved to 200 E. Fernwood, Morton, IL 61550; ckaalex691@hotmail.com.

Alumni Council Executive Committee Meets with Taylor Administrators

The executive cabinet of the TUFW Alumni Association recently met with Taylor University president, Dr. David Gyertson and provost, Dr. Stephen Bedi. We talked about the future of the University, especially how the Fort Wayne campus fits into that. We were impressed with Dr. Gyertson's candor as he shared the possibilities and the challenges TUFW faces. He was positive about and committed to the mission of the Fort Wayne campus.

The Fort Wayne campus brings opportunities that compliment what can not be done in Upland alone, especially in the areas of non-traditional student education and the urban environment.

Dr. Gyertson also shared that TUFW must become financially independent. The Upland campus has subsidized the Fort Wayne campus since the merger. For independence to occur, enrollment and fundraising must continue to grow. The vision is to grow the TUFW student body to 1000 over the next five years. This will require new dormitory space to be identified and refurbishing existing ones. Additionally, the Lehman Library will need to be renovated.

The Fort Wayne Fund, which funds the gap between the cost of tuition and what students actually pay, must keep up with growing enrollment-approximately

\$1200 per full-time student.

What is our role as an Alumni Association? Dr. Gyertson challenged us to the following:

1. Pray for the leaders,
2. Tell the story,
3. Send us your students, and
4. Give us your feedback.

TUFW is "anchored to the past and focused on the future." It continues to train men and women to be servants of the Lord characterized by clear heads, compassionate hearts, and competent hands. As an alumnus, I want to be a part of that.

Joe Wenger g71
Alumni Council President

Jacqueline Huggins g83 was home on furlough working on a master of arts degree at Fuller Theological Seminary. She rejoined her Kaygayenen Bible translation team in the Philippines in November to work on the final draft of the New Testament. You may email her at jacqueline_huggins@sil.org.

Adam Newcomb g83 is the supervising probation officer at the Riverside County Probation Department. Adam, along with his wife, Annette, and their three sons, reside at 43995 Rockrose Ct., Palm Desert, CA 92211; threesonsent@juno.com.

Carol Pebley g83 has been working on translating the Bible in the Kahayanen language and is training new language assistants to help her in the translation work. Her email is carol_pebley@sil.org.

Janice Young g83 and her husband, Glen, are involved in jail ministry. They have two children and two grandchildren. Their address is 4006 Strathdon Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46816.

1985
Rev. Pat g85 and Cathy (Smidt) Black g85 work with InterVarsity LINK in Rostov-on Don, Russia.

Bradley Campbell g85 is manager/associate vice president at 1st Source Bank. Bradley and **Karen (Holt) g86** reside at 14832 Harbourside Ct., Fort Wayne, IN 46814, becampbell@earthlink.net.

1986
Brad Ball g86 and his wife, Dee, returned to ministry in Japan shortly after Christmas. Brad continues to pursue a master of ministry degree. You may contact the Balls in Japan at Kadena Christian Center, 1291 Matsumoto, Okinawa City, Japan 90421; brad_ball@cadence.org. They will return to the United States in April for three months.

Rev. Thomas Blackford fs86 serves as pastor of Ambia and Locust Grove United Methodist Churches. He was ordained elder of the North Indiana Conference in June 2001. He is completing his third self released album, "Church Happens." Contact him at:

PO Box 217, Ambia, IN 47917;
ccandyrev@yahoo.com.

1987
Dawn Kale g87's graduation year appeared incorrectly in the autumn/winter issue as 1989, her correct graduation year is 1987. We regret the error.

Shawna (Wheeler) Laster fs87 hopes to obtain a directorship with Pampered Chef this spring. She and her husband, Kevin, celebrated 11 years of marriage on November 30th. They and daughter, Jaci, reside 14232 Marsh Ln., Addison, TX 75001, (972) 620-0240; ShawnaLaster@aol.com.

1988
Kevin March g88 received his doctor of musical arts from the University of Michigan. His dissertation, "www.love", a chamber opera about cyber-romance, was premiered by the New York City Opera on their 2001 Showcase of American Composers. It was also performed at the Heritage Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Alma College and at the University of Michigan. In January of 2002, "www.love" received four awards from the Ann Arbor News, including: Best Musical, Best New Work, Best Director and Best Supporting Actress. Kevin's email is march@umich.edu.

Graham g88 and Lori (Fazio) West fs86 anticipate many exciting ministries that the Lord has provided for Missionary Athletes International and the Charlotte Eagles for this year, one being an opportunity in Asia. Graham traveled to Asia in March to set-up the tour.

1989
Mark and Janelle (DeMond) Bauer g89 welcomed son, Lucas Mark, on January 20. Mark, Janelle, Lucas and other children, Jana Rae (12) and Joseph (6), live at 48 Indian Trail, Merrillville, IN 46410, (219)756-2719; mbauer@jorsm.com.

Dave Bennett g89 is director of the Outer Edge Program at Peak 3 Ministries, a wilderness adventure outreach in Colorado Springs, CO. You may contact him at 2606 N

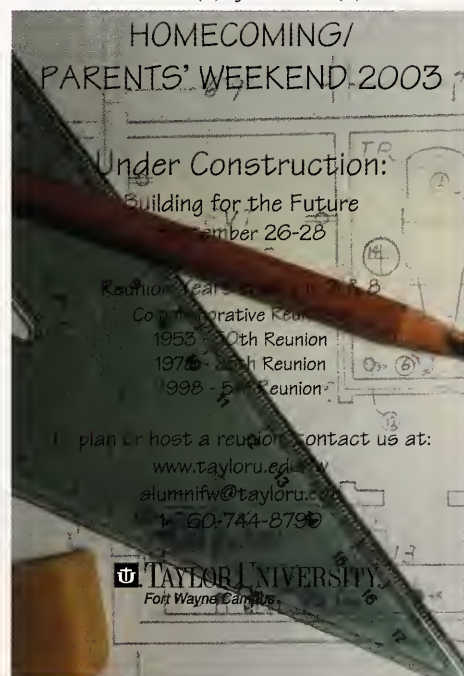
Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80907;
dbennett@peak3.org

1991
Nick Johnson g91 serves with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship as a new area director. In January he spoke at Greek Conference sponsored by InterVarsity, held in Indianapolis and assisted with the Summit Conference, held in Lebanon, IN, in February.

In September 2001, **Rev. Kent Kessler g91** began Eden Hostel Ministries (EHM) in Marion, IN. EHM teaches clients to make good choices by providing them with "the basics." He and his wife, Melissa, and family, reside at 323 N. Boots St., Marion, IN 46952, (765) 664-2823; kkkessler@yahoo.com.

Matt Misner g91 works for Verizon Data Services. **Jennifer (Watson) g91** is a stay at home mom with Emily (5) and Samuel (3). They live at 11207 St. Ives Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46818; mjmisner@comcast.net.

1992
Rev. Anthony Ferriell g92 pastors a new church, Cory Zion Church. He and his wife, **Brenda (Bearss) g93**, and their three children: Andrew (7), Jonathon (5) and



Breanna (2), reside at 8642 McDaniel Rd., Terre Haute, IN 47802; abferriell@xsthe.net.

Matthew Gerber fs92 is vice president at ENS Group in Fort Wayne, IN. He and his wife, Amber, reside at 13926 Ruffner Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46814; amber.matt.gerber@worldnet.att.net.

1993

Mark Hull g93 serves as associate director of residence life/director of summer conferences at Colorado Christian University. He received his master of science degree from Alfred University in 1999. He and his wife, Danielle, reside at 180 S. Garrison St., Lakewood, CO 80226; mhull@ccu.edu.

1994

Rev. Brian Colby g94 serves as senior pastor at Fairfield Missionary Church. Brian will complete his master of arts in theology at the University of Notre Dame in July. He, Nicci (Ankney) fs91, and their son, Wesley, reside at 5550 Winton Rd., Fairfield, OH 45014, (513) 858-1813; brcolby@wmconnect.com.

Petula Myers g94 has been appointed to the Balkans as a career missionary with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Her email is pmyers@eaglechurch.com.

1995

Peter Eicher g95 continues as director of youth ministries at the Community Church

of Columbus. He, along with wife, Crista (Cloyd) g94, and daughter, Whitley (3), reside at 251 Beatty St., Columbus, IN 47201; peter@columbuscommunity.org.

Jeremy and Rhonda (Grossman) Heyerly g95 welcomed a daughter, Alyssa, born December 29, 2001. They reside at 8084 C.R. C, Delta, OH 43515.

Chris fs95 and Jenny (Fleehart) McCormick g95 welcomed a son, Joshua Michael, February 20. Chris is employed at TUFW in information services and Jenny serves at Whittington Homes.

Ben Polhemus g95 serves as youth pastor of Real Life Community Church. He and his wife, Jill (Sackert) g98, have two children, Kyle Andrew (2) and Ellyse Breann (10 months). They reside at 3145 Willowdale Rd., Portage, IN 46368.

1996

Misti Garman g96 is a sales and marketing representative with Creative Marketing Associates. Contact her at 5957 Ashwood Ct., Clarkston, MI 48346; garman76@aol.com.

Jon Yeh g96 works at Grace College and is pursuing a master of arts degree in physical education, specializing in coaching, at Ball State. **Corrinne (Mahorney) g96** is employed at ExecuTrain as technical instructor. Contact them at 104 11th St.,

Winona Lake, IN 46590, (574) 268-1783; yehja@grace.edu.

1997

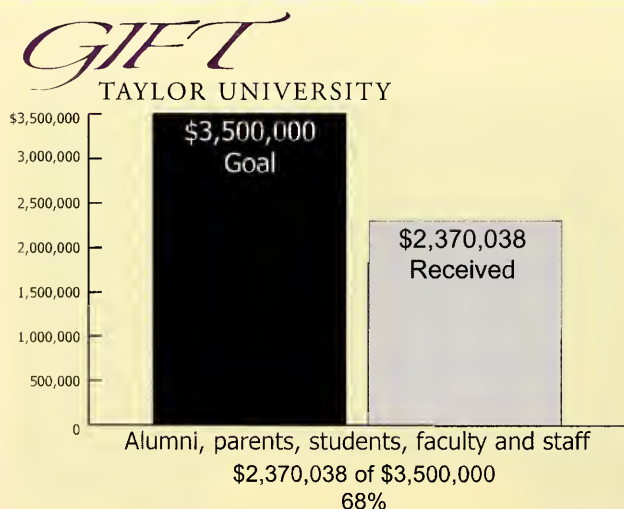
Tui (Walcott) Bedwell g97 is the executive director of True Life Choices, Inc. She received her master of arts degree in professional communication in December 2001 from Purdue University. She and her husband, Mark, reside at 2335 Weather Wood Pl., Fort Wayne, IN 46818; Tui@TLC4Abstinence.org.

Matt TUU g97 and Cije (Beers) Cwanek g97 welcomed daughter, Torilinn Elizabeth, on January 14. Matt and Cije both work in Fort Wayne. Their address is 223 S. Cornell Cir., Fort Wayne, IN 46807; mcwanek@frob.net, caite@frob.net.

Jeffrey Dalton g97 married Carolie Miles on November 23. Their address is 154 B Eder St., Elkton, MD 21921, (410) 620-9466.

Dawn Fetter g97 received her master of science degree in education from Bluffton College, in August. Her address is 2350 N. Cole St., Apt. C-72, Lima, OH 45801.

Nate Hoot g97 attends Columbia International University, Columbia, SC, where he is pursuing a master of intercultural studies degree. **Joy (Davis) g99** teaches kindergarten at Ben Lippen Elementary.



Taylor University to receive financial boost to academics

Taylor has been offered a \$3.5 million matching grant that President Gyertson has earmarked for academics. Help Taylor get every dollar. Through December 31, 2003, each alumni dollar given is eligible for the match. The Lilly Endowment Match Grant provides an unprecedented opportunity to strengthen the Taylor experience by supporting faculty development, encouraging creative scholarship and enhancing the quality academic programs that have made the University a leader in Christ centered higher education.

For more about the GIFT opportunity attend a GIFT gathering near you or call 1-260-744-8790 for details.

April		July	
4/21	Detroit, MI	Dinner	7/16 Gen. Conference 8:45 pm
4/22	Southwest, MI	Breakfast	7/30 Ludlow Falls, OH 8:00 pm
4/28	Indianapolis, IN	Dinner	

Kelly Phillips g97 married Htaw Htoo on November 28, 2002. Htaw is serving overseas with the national guard. Kelly currently works with InterVarsity and tutors area Burmese friends in English. You may contact her at 1769 Hobson Rd., Fort Wayne IN 46805, (260) 425-9647; umazi35@hotmail.com.

Lance Stiver g97 is a test engineer for Recommended Test Labs, a software testing company. **Megan (Smith) g97** received her master of social work degree in May 2000 and is assistant director for Church World Service, an international humanitarian aid organization. They welcomed son, Graham Brian, on February 2. Contact the family at 200 Central Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15238, (412) 826-1565; stiverdomeeast@go.com.

1998
Jason Barthelemy g98 has taken a position as student ministries pastor at First Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, IA. **Greta (Holmquist) g97** is a stay at home mom with Ryan (1). You may contact them at 1504 W 6th St, Cedar Falls, IA, (319) 266-6816.

Deborah Fox g98 teaches second grade at Indian Hills Christian School. Contact her at 717 Ray Ave. NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663; conv65mustang@hotmail.com.

Peter and Jessica (Kingham) Kim g98 were married on October 12 at Northwestern College, St. Paul, MN. Pete is a business strategy consultant and Jessica is subbing as a special education teacher. They reside at 175 N. Harbor Dr. #801, Chicago, IL 60601; jakinghorn@hotmail.com.

Bonnie Spallinger g98 substitute teaches in the Juneau (Alaska) School District. She has assisted with a Choice Retreat for juniors dealing with drug and alcohol issues, is helping to launch a Campus Life program at a local middle school, and is the assistant program director at Echo Ranch Bible Camp. Email her at Bspallinger_75@yahoo.com.

1999
Brian Bilderback fs99 is employed as a customer service agent for a software company and is attending Lane Community

College. You may contact him at 475 Lindale Dr. #150, Springfield, OR 97477, (541) 736-4814; greywanderer987@yahoo.com.

Warren g99 and Jonel (Beverly) Grosco g02 welcomed son, Warren Ray Grosco III, who arrived on November 20. The Grosco's reside at 1726 Sinclair St., Fort Wayne, IN 46808; wgrosco@hotmail.com.

2000
Duane and Christina (Beckwith) Falk g00 are involved in various ministries at church including worship team, mission board and heading up a Mom's program.

Sean g00 and Jana (Behrends) Guise fs 99 welcomed daughter, Maree Noel, November 6. The family lives at 4022 Tacoma Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Rick Henderson g00 works for American Eagle, the regional division of American Airlines at the Fort Wayne airport. His address is 4017 S. Wayne Ave., Apt. A, Fort Wayne, IN 46807; rickbif@hotmail.com.

Phil Hutson g00 is employed at Brookwood Cabinets, full-time, and serves as part-time youth pastor at Living Faith Missionary Church. You may contact him at 1743 N Wells St., Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Jay Wilkins g00 works at the Youth Opportunity Sport Administration Center in Muncie and is pursuing a master of arts degree in sports administration at Ball State University. Contact him at 5311 N. Poplar Dr., Muncie, IN 47304; churchywilkins@hotmail.com.

Erin Yazel g00 completed her master of arts degree in public relations from Ball State University in December. She is employed with Taylor University's Institute of Organizational Effectiveness.

2001
Sarah Conley g01 married Justin Asher on January 24. They reside at 645 Marina Dr., Coldwater, MI 49036, (517) 238-2906.

Bill Jones g01 is a youth pastor at Ebenezer Mennonite Church in Bluffton, OH. **JoAnna**

(Nuss) **g01** is a teller at Bank One and is substitute teaching in the Bluffton schools. They reside at 7551 N. Cool Rd., Columbus Grove, OH 45830. Bill's email is bill@ebenezermennonite.org and JoAnna's email is jnbuttermcup@hotmail.com.

Kenyon Kaehr g01 attends Winebrenner Theological Seminary. He also serves as senior pastor at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Van Wert, OH. His email is kdkaehr@adamswells.com.

Natalie (Seward) Reynolds g01 teaches all-day kindergarten at Adams Elementary School, Fort Wayne Community School system. She and husband, **Jeremy g01**, live at 5901-B Brighton Meadows Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46804; natalbee@comcast.net; superjerms@comcast.net.

2002
Nate Patterson g02 serves as youth pastor at Cross United Church of Christ, Berne, IN. Contact him at 545 Schug St., Berne, IN 46711, (260) 589-2559; nathan_patterson713@hotmail.com.

Lost Alumni

A lost alumni is an alum for whom we do not have a current address. If you have information on the whereabouts of any of the following lost alumni or any other FWBC, SCC or TUFW "lost alumni" - contact us at 1025 West Rudisill Blvd, Fort Wayne IN 46807 or alumnifw@tayloru.edu
Isabelle Drake g46
Nancy Cash g63
David Reichhart g65
Leora Foley g81
Steve Weir g81
Greg Lehr g82
William Wheeler g82
Shirley Salway g83
Sandy Thacker g87
Arlene Cannon g91
Bekyou Selassie g97
Matthew Powell g98
Hermalina Powell g99

IN MEMORY

Rev. John Nussbaum g32 passed into the presence of the Lord on December 24. His wife, **Verda (Gerig) Nussbaum g33**, resides in a Dunedin, FL, nursing home.

Gerald Korn fs36 went to be with the Lord on February 12. Formerly from Fort Wayne, he had worked for Greyhound Bus Lines in New York. A niece and nephew survive him. He was preceded in death by a brother.

Rev. Paul Kreiss g42 passed away December 19. He was born in Upland, CA. He was an ordained minister and former manager of Bethel Publishing Company, Elkhart, IN, and retired in 1974. He pastored Bethel Missionary Church in Goshen; Emmanuel Missionary Church in Fort Wayne; Auburndale Missionary Church in Winter Haven, FL, and Avon Park Missionary Church in Avon Park, FL. He retired from the ministry in 1978. His wife, **Barbara fs42**, passed away earlier in the year. He is survived by three daughters, two sisters, a brother, seven grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Rev. LaVerne Anderson g43 arrived in heaven on December 27, 2001. He pastored in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. His wife, **Rebie**; two daughters, and two sons survive him.

Rev. Paul Wagley g43 was called home to glory on October 18. He pastored in the Missionary Church for more than 40 years, having served in Michigan and Indiana. He last pastored at Living Faith Missionary Church in Yoder. His wife, **Viola**, preceded him in death in 1975. Surviving are four sons **Stephan**, **Timothy fs75**, **Nathan**, and **Thomas**; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Rev. Gordon Neuenschwander g49 passed away February 25. He pastored churches in Fredonia, KN; Berne, Linn Grove, and Greentown, IN. He also served in leadership on two ministerial associations, Mennonite Central District Conference and was superintendent of Berne Community Summer Bible School. He also taught math in Kansas and English at Adams Central

High School, Berne, IN. Surviving are his wife, **Mathilda**; three daughters: **Connie Malberg**, **Melinda Mulford fsTUU75**, **Kristine Neuenschwander fs77**; sons: **Ron g75 & g77TUU**, **Jonathon**; four sisters: **Esther Richert**, **Anna Neuenschwander fs43**, **Edna Dyck g45**, **Evelyn McIntosh g41** and grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

Jeannine (Widmark) Davis fs53 left her earthly home on December 18. She was a secretary, choir director and assisted her husband in the ministry in Garrett, Bluffton, Avondale, Muncie, Kokomo, Lapel, Peru and Fort Wayne. Surviving are her husband, **Rev. Keith g56**, a daughter, and two brothers, **Lewis "Eddie" Widmark g54** and **John Widmark**.

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Jerry Lehman g57 went to be with the Lord on August 19, 2002. He is survived by his

wife, **Madelyn (Shives) Lehman g57**, one daughter, **Heather (Lehman) Stolba g87** and three grandchildren. *This information appeared incorrectly in the autumn/winter magazine, we regret the error.*

Elzer Showers fs62 went to be with the Lord on November 26. He retired after 30 years of service at Phelps Dodge. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army. His wife, **Betty**; three daughters, two grandchildren, a brother and four sisters survive him.

Robert Ornelas fs68 went to be with the Lord on January 20. He retired in 2002 after 30 years of administrative service with Fort Wayne Community Schools. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. His wife preceded him in death in 2001. A son, stepson and two stepdaughters and their families, survive him.

Rev. W. Thomas Younger g68 passed away January 21. Born in Gary, IN, in 1929, he relocated to Fort Wayne in 1956 to pastor Emmanuel Baptist Church during which time he was a student at FWBC. He founded a total of 12 churches in the Fort Wayne area including Blackhawk, Shoaff Park, Westridge, Winchester Road and Wallen Baptist churches. He served as president of Western Baptist College, Salem, OR, from 1973-1982. Surviving are his wife, **Davina**; three daughters, two sons, 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and a sister.

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Rev. John Nussbaum g32 passed into the presence of the Lord on December 24. His wife, Verda (Gerig) Nussbaum g33, resides in a Dunedin, FL, nursing home.

Gerald Korn fs36 went to be with the Lord on February 12. Formerly from Fort Wayne, he had worked for Greyhound Bus Lines in New York. A niece and nephew survive him. He was preceded in death by a brother.

Rev. Paul Kreiss g42 passed away December 19. He was born in Upland, CA. He was an ordained minister and former manager of Bethel Publishing Company, Elkhart, IN, and retired in 1974. He pastored Bethel Missionary Church in Goshen; Emmanuel Missionary Church in Fort Wayne; Auburndale Missionary Church in Winter Haven, FL, and Avon Park Missionary Church in Avon Park, FL. He retired from the ministry in 1978. His wife, Barbara fs42, passed away earlier in the year. He is survived by three daughters, two sisters, a brother, seven grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Rev. LaVerne Anderson g43 arrived in heaven on December 27, 2001. He pastored in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. His wife, Rebekah; two daughters, and two sons survive him.

Rev. Paul Wagley g43 was called home to glory on October 18. He pastored in the Missionary Church for more than 40 years, having served in Michigan and Indiana. He last pastored at Living Faith Missionary Church in Yoder. His wife, Viola, preceded him in death in 1975. Surviving are four sons Stephan, Timothy fs75, Nathan, and Thomas; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Rev. Gordon Neuenschwander g49 passed away February 25. He pastored churches in Fredonia, KN; Berne, Linn Grove, and Greentown, IN. He also served in leadership on two ministerial associations, Mennonite Central District Conference and was superintendent of Berne Community Summer Bible School. He also taught math in Kansas and English at Adams Central

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